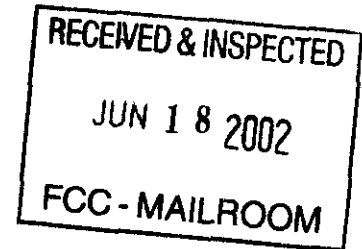


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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 - Annual Carrier Certification Due June 30, 2002

This is to certify that Bernard Telephone Company, Inc., Study Area No. 351110 will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above.

Signed

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dominic English".

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